

CENTRAL BOARD

January 21, 1970

The meeting was called to order by President Joe Mazurek at 7:00 p.m. in the Montana Rooms of the University Center.

The minutes were approved with the following correction: Mr. Earl Thompson, director of the University of Montana Library.

A letter of thanks was read from the University Marching Grizzlies concerning the Camellia Bowl trip.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mazurek said that Thogersen is in Seattle and that he would give a report next week.

Mertens said that he would bring up his business under new business.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Legal Handbook Committee-Cunniff said that he talked to Dr. Cromwell in the Law School because he could not contact Dr. Stone. Cromwell said that it would be best to consult a lawyer in Missoula about this matter. Schenck said that he talked to Tolliver about the book. Schenck said that the book is late from the date that it was to be finished, and that it was too long and a great deal of the contents were immaterial. He said that this proposal will go back to Publications board to be revised.

Selective Service Information Center-Eastman said that after talking to the administration and the local draft board, the special committee working on this matter favored the passing of an amended proposal. Eastman said that the amendment would read: to strike the first paragraph under the dismissal the Coordinator and Staff, and change the second paragraph to read: By a two thirds majority Central Board will be empowered to dismiss the Coordinator. Eastman said that the local Draft Board was in favor of the idea of a Information Center because they said that most men think that the Draft Board is an induction Center which it is not. She said that President Pantzer and Vice President Mitchell favored the idea of the center also and that they had no objections in Central Board setting it up. Dr. Elison said that there would not be any problems with Central Board being liable because the proposal states the attempt of Central Board and that it would up the responsibility of the Coordinator. Mertens said that he would like to change the sub-paragraph under the purpose to read: In providing these services to students, the staff of the Selective Service Information Center will presume each student requesting the services of the Center accepts an obligation to military service. The personel of the Center shall strive to make each student requesting the Center's services aware of his rights and choices in military service and the likely possible consequences of his taking any one of these choices. The personel of the Center shall attempt to determine the non-military goals of each student requesting the services of the Center, and make available to him choices in military service that will either aid him or cause the least interference in achieving his goals. Mertens said that he approached this with the point of view that providing students who know that they have military commitments with this service so as the military service could not interfere with a persons private goals for a time being. Mertens said that Conscientious Objectors borders on resistance and evasion and that Central

board should not sponsor this type of program. Eastman said that the original copy makes more sense. She said that she objects to the idea of not counseling conscientious objectors because that would seem that Central Board was taking a stand on what is the best deferment. Gray said that the center should not be established for people to evade the draft but that it should be an information center and that he would like to change the words of military service to read service to the United States because military service is not the only obligation that men have toward their country. McEwen said that he was opposed to both of the changes because people don't feel that they have an obligation to the military service or to the service of the United States. Peterson said that the Center should offer information about the different branches of the service and the means to achieve these. Mertens said that the military does not have any trouble recruiting men into the different branches of the service at the present time. Hanson asked Jeff Miller, a member of the Draft Education Counseling Center, about how a male finds out what type of deferment he can receive. Miller said that a man is asked a series of questions which make the registrant decide what deferment he wants to take. He said that after a registrant decides about his type of deferment, the counselor finds the route for the man to take. He continued that about 50 to 100 men asked about the Conscientious Objector deferment from November of last year until now and only one-half of these men decided on taking this deferment because it is a lonely thing; the man might end up in jail or in Canada. Miller pointed out that he could go to jail if he told a man what type of deferment he should take; he stressed the fact that a man decides on his own deferment. McKee questioned why the proposal said that the Center would have a 24 hour call system. Miller said that men usually wait until the last minute before they decide on what they should do and that this would be a service for those who would need it. Gorton asked how the office of the center would be maintained. Miller said that people have volunteered to work five hours a day six days a week. Mertens suggested changing the third sub-paragraph under the policy to read: To advertise and conduct a special counseling and education sessions for campus live-in groups, campus organizations, town groups or any organization requesting such services. He said that if the system is to work and have a total effect there should be public speaking about this center. Gorton asked Miller if he planned to use the office to counsel other than University students. Miller said that he could not speak for everyone but that he would counsel anyone that asked his help. Miller said that Central Board should decide if the center should offer its services to high school students or anyone else who is not a University student. Mertens said that this issue was discussed at Budget and Finance and it was decided that if there is free time that they could provide service to the community but that University Students have priority. Cunniff said that he would like to see the sub-paragraph under the policy number 4 to read: To send every male freshman and male transfer student upon his acceptance to the University of Montana a letter which explains his options regarding deferment under the Selective Service Act, and making available information and assistance concerning fulfillment of military service requirements while enrolled in the University. Mertens said that the Center would seek the cooperation of the Deans Office of the University of Montana. Hopefully, in the near future, the Deans Office will accept in part or in total the functioning of the Selective Service Information Center. Mertens said that in other schools this is a part of the Deans Office. Gray asked if the program could be eliminated at the end of Winter Quarter if passed or if the board would have to wait to eliminate the program until a full year after it is established. Mertens

said that the program could only be judged after a full year. Gorton said that the forth sub-paragraph under the Organization of the Center is not clear. It reads: The Coordinator shall, with his staff, be present at the Center at least thirty hours a week. Gorton said that the words: with his staff should be deleted and this would make it clearer that the Coordinator himself would be in the office thirty hours a week. The board agreed that the paragraph was clear in its original statement. Mazurek said that he would like to have the board consider the idea of striking the first sub-paragraph under the Dismissal of the Coordinator and to change the wording of the second sub-paragraph to read: By a two thirds majority, Central Board, will be empowered to dismiss the Coordinator--before, it said that the power to dismiss a coordinator would be up to the investigation commission. Mortens said that he did not think that Central Board was qualified to dismiss the coordinator; he thought that the power should be up to the investigation commission. Eastman said that Central Board would always investigate the matter and talk to the staff and all type of people before they would dismiss a coordinator and that after this procedure, they would be qualified to dismiss a coordinator if he was not capable to do the work. Hanson said that if Central Board was not capable to dismiss a coordinator, they would not be capable in choosing him either. Mazurek said that the proposed budget request of the center had been tentatively approved by Budget and Finance. Hanson asked why only the coordinator would be paid if the staff would be capable of answering the same questions as he did. Bingham said that the counselor would be the one who was responsible and liable not the staff and that the staff members had volunteered to work. Hanson said that the proposal states that the counselor and the staff are liable. Miller said that the liability would be just for the counselor and the pre-counselors and that they would sign a disclaimer. STRONG MOVED TO ADOPT THE THE SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION CENTER PROPOSAL AS PROPOSED AND AMENDED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY GRAY. BAHR MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ: TO SEND EVERY MALE FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENT UPON HIS ACCEPTANCE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA A LETTER WHICH EXPLAINS HIS OPTIONS REGARDING DEFERMENT UNDER THE SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT, AND MAKING AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE CONCERNING FULFILLMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS WHILE ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY CUNNIFF. THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MARK MERTENS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY CHANING THE FIRST SUB-PARAGRAPH UNDER THE PURPOSE TO READ: IN PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO STUDENTS, THE STAFF OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION CENTER WILL PRESUME EACH STUDENT REQUESTING THE SERVICES OF THE CENTER ACCEPTS AN OBLIGATION TO SERVICE FOR HIS COUNTRY. THE PERSONEL OF THE CENTER SHALL STRIVE TO MAKE EACH STUDENT REQUESTING THE CENTER'S SERVICES AWARE OF HIS RIGHTS AND CHOICES IN SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY AND THE LIKELY POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS TAKING ANY ONE OF THOSE CHOICES. WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY SERVICE, THE CENTER WILL NOT PROVIDE THE SERVICE FOR ANY STUDENT ATTEMPTING TO EVADE MILITARY SERVICE. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY GORTON. STRONG said that he objected to this amendment because Central Board could not set themselves up as judges on the types of deferments. THE AMENDMENT FAILED WITH PETERSON, EASTMAN, HANSON, GORTON, BAHR, STRONG, WEBB, MCKEE, MCEWEN, GRAY OPPOSED, MERTENS AND CUNNIFF IN FAVOR, AND WICKS ABSTAINING. MERTENS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY ADDING THE WORD ADVERTISE TO THE THIRD SUB-PARAGRAPH UNDER THE POLICY WHICH WILL THUS READ: TO ADVERTISE AND CONDUCT SPECIAL COUNSELING AND EDUCATION SESSIONS FOR CAMPUS LIVE-IN GROUPS, CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, TOWN GROUPS OR ANY ORGANIZATION REQUESTING SERVICES. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY GRAY. THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

GORTON MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY CHANGING THE THIRD PARAGRAPH UNDER THE POLICY TO READ: TO ADVERTISE AND CONDUCT SPECIAL COUNSELING AND EDUCATION SESSIONS FOR CAMPUS LIVE-IN GROUPS, AND CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS. THE SERVICES OF THE CENTER WILL BE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ONLY. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY PETERSON. GRAY SAID THAT IF THE COUNSELOR HAS FREE TIME, CENTRAL Board can not tell him what he can and cannot do. Eastman said that this was making the matter too picky. THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH PETERSON, EASTMAN, HANSON, GORTON, STRONG, WICKS, MCKEE, GRAY, MARTIN IN FAVOR, AND MCEWEN, MERTENS, WEBB, BAHR AND CUNNIFF OPPOSED. MERTENS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POLICY OF THE CENTER. IT WILL READ: THE SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION CENTER WILL SEEK THE COOPERATION OF THE DEANS OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. HOPEFULLY, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE DEANS OFFICE WILL ACCEPT IN PART OR IN TOTAL THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SELECTIVE SERVICE INFORMATION CENTER. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY GRAY. THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. MERTENS MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY ADDING TO SUB-PARAGRAPH THREE THE FOLLOWING: THE TERM OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE REFERRAL BOARD WILL BE OF A ONE, TWO, OR THREE YEAR DURATION, CONTINGENT UPON THE COORDINATOR'S RECOMMENDATION AND CENTRAL BOARD'S APPROVAL. THEREAFTER, THE TERM OF MEMBERSHIP WILL BE OF THREE YEARS; WITH 1/3 OF THE BOARD BEING SUBJECT AFTER THEIR TERM. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY PETERSON. THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. GRAY MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY STRIKING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH UNDER THE DISMISSAL OF THE COORDINATOR AND STAFF AND BY CHANGING THE SECOND PARAGRAPH TO READ: BY A TWO THIRDS MAJORITY, CENTRAL BOARD WILL BE EMPOWERED TO DISMISS THE COORDINATOR. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY WEBB. Peterson said that the original statement was too cumbersome and unnecessary and that the amendment sounded better. THE MOTION PASSED WITH PETERSON, EASTMAN, HANSON, GORTON, CUNNIFF, BAHR, STRONG, WICKS, WEBB, MCKEE, MCEWEN, GRAY, AND MARTIN IN FAVOR AND MERTENS OPPOSED. MCEWEN MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION BY CHANGING THE SIXTH SUB-PARAGRAPH UNDER THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTER TO READ: THE COORDINATOR SHALL BE PRESENT AT THE CENTER AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS A WEEK. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY WEBB. THE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH MERTENS, PETERSON, EASTMAN, GORTON, STRONG, WICKS, WEBB, MCKEE, MCEWEN, GRAY AND MARTIN IN FAVOR AND BAHR, HANSON AND CUNNIFF OPPOSED. PETERSON MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING UNDER THE POLICY OF THE CENTER: THE CENTER SHALL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAM, MILITARY SERVICES AND THEIR PROGRAMS. THE AMENDMENT WAS SECONDED BY GORTON. FOSTER SAID THAT THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT ALLOW ANY ORGANIZATION TO RECRUIT IN THE UNIVERSITY CENTER AND THAT THE PLACEMENT CENTER HAS THE BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY THERE. Miller said that this would be an information center and not a sales program. He said that the center would have references on almost anything and that the information would not be limited. THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FAILED WITH EASTMAN, HANSON, CUNNIFF, BAHR, STRONG, WICKS, WEBB, MCKEE, MCEWEN, GRAY AND MARTIN OPPOSED, AND MERTENS, PETERSON AND GORTON IN FAVOR. Gorton said that he would not like to see the amended motion passed because the board would not know how many students would use it, the center might hurt the 19 year old vote campaign, that the salary of the coordinator is almost double to that of the ASUM officers, and that the board does not know who they will be hiring as the coordinator. Strong said that he would like to see the amended proposal passed and that it would not hurt the 19 year old vote campaign because he has asked people about this matter. Peterson said that the work and the responsibility would be up to the coordinator and that the board should pick someone who is qualified because if he does not do a good job, he will hurt the program.

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Mertens said that every male student on this campus would be affected by this program. Cunniff said that the money spent would be worthwhile. Gray said that the center would be convenient if a man needed to know something about the draft and did not have time to go home to his own draft board. THE AMENDED MOTION PASSED WITH MERTENS, PETERSON, EASTMAN, HANSON, CUNNIFF, BAHR, STRONG, WEBB, MCKEE, MCEWEN, GRAY AND MARTIN IN FAVOR, AND GORTON OPPOSED AND WICKS ABSTAINING. Mazurek said that the board would be working in haste if they tried to appoint a coordinator and a referral board tonight. He said that the sub-committee will take applications and have a public meeting next week before the Central Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MERTENS MOVED THAT ARNOLD SWANBERG'S RESIGNATION FROM BUDGET AND FINANCE BE ACCEPTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY STRONG. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mazurek said that he, Mertens, Hanson, and Gray would be attending a meeting of the Board of Regents in Helena next Monday. He said that they would be discussing the matter of the Athletic Fee.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

T H E E N DATTENDANCE:

MAZUREK, MERTENS, PETERSON, EASTMAN, HANSON,
GORTON, CUNNIFF, BAHR, STRONG, WICKS, WEBB,
MCKEE MCEWEN, GRAY, MARTIN

THOGERSEN EXCUSED
LINSAY ABSENT

Respectfully submitted,

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